

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
WACO DIVISION**

NEONODE SMARTPHONE LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO. LTD.
and SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS
AMERICA, INC.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 6:20-cv-00507-ADA

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

SCHEDULING ORDER

Pursuant to Rule 16, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court ORDERS that the following schedule will govern deadlines up to and including the trial of this matter:

Deadline	Item
October 16, 2020	Plaintiff serves preliminary ¹ infringement contentions in the form of a chart setting forth where in the accused product(s) each element of the asserted claim(s) are found. Plaintiff shall also identify the earliest priority date (<i>i.e.</i> the earliest date of invention) for each asserted claim and produce: (1) all documents evidencing conception and reduction to practice for each claimed invention, and (2) a copy of the file history for each patent in suit.
November 6, 2020	Deadline for Motions to Transfer.

¹ The parties may amend preliminary infringement contentions and preliminary invalidity contentions without leave of court so long as counsel certifies that it undertook reasonable efforts to prepare its preliminary contentions and the amendment is based on material identified after those preliminary contentions were served and should do so seasonably upon identifying any such material. Any amendment to add patent claims requires leave of court so that the Court can address any scheduling issues.

Deadline	Item
February 24, 2023	Defendant serves preliminary invalidity contentions in the form of (1) a chart setting forth where in the prior art references each element of the asserted claim(s) are found, (2) an identification of any limitations the Defendant contends are indefinite or lack written description under section 112, and (3) an identification of any claims the Defendant contends are directed to ineligible subject matter under section 101. The § 101 contention shall (1) identify the alleged abstract idea, law of nature, and/or natural phenomenon in each challenged claim; (2) identify each claim element alleged to be well-understood, routine, and/or conventional; and (3) to the extent not duplicative of §§ 102/103 prior art contentions, prior art for the contention that claim elements are well-understood, routine, and/or conventional. Defendant shall also produce (1) all prior art referenced in the invalidity contentions, and (2) technical documents, including software where applicable, sufficient to show the operation of the accused product(s). ²
March 10, 2023	Parties exchange claim terms for construction.
March 24, 2023	Parties exchange proposed claim constructions.
March 31, 2023	Parties disclose extrinsic evidence. The parties shall disclose any extrinsic evidence, including the identity of any expert witness they may rely upon with respect to claim construction or indefiniteness. With respect to any expert identified, the parties shall identify the scope of the topics for the witness's expected testimony. ³ With respect to items of extrinsic evidence, the parties shall identify each such item by production number or produce a copy of any such item if not previously produced.
April 7, 2023	Deadline to meet and confer to narrow terms in dispute and exchange revised list of terms/constructions.
April 14, 2023	Defendant files Opening claim construction brief, including any arguments that any claim terms are indefinite.
May 5, 2023	Plaintiff files Responsive claim construction brief.
May 19, 2023	Defendant files Reply claim construction brief.
May 19, 2023	Parties to jointly email the law clerks (see OGP at 1) to confirm their <i>Markman</i> date and to notify if any venue or

² To the extent it may promote early resolution, the Court encourages the parties to exchange license and sales information, but any such exchange is optional during the pre-*Markman* phase of the case.

³ Any party may utilize a rebuttal expert in response to a brief where expert testimony is relied upon by the other party.

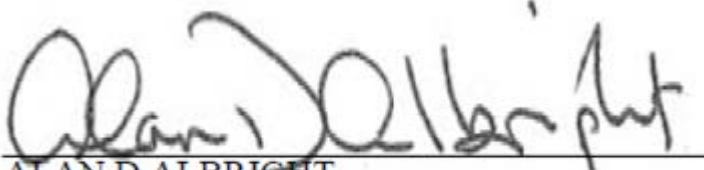
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	jurisdictional motions remain unripe for resolution.
June 2, 2023	Plaintiff files a Sur-Reply claim construction brief.
June 7, 2023	Parties submit Joint Claim Construction Statement and email the law clerks an editable copy. See General Issues Note #7 regarding providing copies of the briefing to the Court and the technical advisor (if appointed).
June 9, 2023	Parties submit optional technical tutorials to the Court and technical adviser (if appointed).
June 23, 2023 ⁴	Markman Hearing at 9:00 a.m. This date is a placeholder and the Court may adjust this date as the <i>Markman</i> hearing approaches.
June 26, 2023	Fact Discovery opens; deadline to serve Initial Disclosures per Rule 26(a).
August 4, 2023	Deadline to add parties.
August 18, 2023	Deadline to serve Final Infringement and Invalidity Contentions. After this date, leave of Court is required for any amendment to infringement or invalidity contentions. This deadline does not relieve the parties of their obligation to seasonably amend if new information is identified after initial contentions.
October 13, 2023	Deadline to amend pleadings. A motion is not required unless the amendment adds patents or patent claims. (Note: This includes amendments in response to a 12(c) motion.)
December 22, 2023	Deadline for the first of two meet and confers to discuss significantly narrowing the number of claims asserted and prior art references at issue. Unless the parties agree to the narrowing, they are ordered to contact the Court's law clerk to arrange a teleconference with the Court to resolve the disputed issues.
January 26, 2024	Close of Fact Discovery.
February 2, 2024	Opening Expert Reports.
March 1, 2024	Rebuttal Expert Reports.
March 22, 2024	Close of Expert Discovery.

⁴ All deadlines hereafter follow the original Markman hearing date and do not change if the Court delays the Markman hearing.

Deadline	Item
March 29, 2024	Deadline for the second of two meet and confers to discuss narrowing the number of claims asserted and prior art references at issue to triable limits. If it helps the parties determine these limits, the parties are encouraged to contact the Court's law clerk for an estimate of the amount of trial time anticipated per side. The parties shall file a Joint Report within 5 business days regarding the results of the meet and confer.
April 5, 2024	Dispositive motion deadline and <i>Daubert</i> motion deadline. See General Issues Note #7 regarding providing copies of the briefing to the Court and the technical advisor (if appointed).
April 19, 2024	Serve Pretrial Disclosures (jury instructions, exhibits lists, witness lists, discovery and deposition designations).
May 3, 2024	Serve objections to pretrial disclosures/rebuttal disclosures.
May 3, 2024 (8 weeks before trial)	Parties to jointly email the Court's law clerk (See OGP at 1) to confirm their pretrial conference and trial dates.
May 10, 2024	Serve objections to rebuttal disclosures; file Motions <i>in limine</i> .
May 17, 2024	File Joint Pretrial Order and Pretrial Submissions (jury instructions, exhibits lists, witness lists, discovery and deposition designations); file oppositions to motions <i>in limine</i>
May 24, 2024	File Notice of Request for Daily Transcript or Real Time Reporting. If a daily transcript or real time reporting of court proceedings is requested for trial, the party or parties making said request shall file a notice with the Court and e-mail the Court Reporter, Kristie Davis at kmdaviscsr@yahoo.com. Deadline to meet and confer regarding remaining objections and disputes on motions <i>in limine</i> .
June 4, 2024 (3 business days before Final Pretrial Conference)	File joint notice identifying remaining objections to pretrial disclosures and disputes on motions <i>in limine</i> .
June 7, 2024	Final Pretrial Conference. Held in person unless otherwise requested.
June 28, 2024 ⁵	Jury Selection/Trial.

⁵ If the actual trial date materially differs from the Court's default schedule, the Court will consider reasonable amendments to the case schedule post-Markman that are consistent with the Court's default deadlines in light of the actual trial date.

SIGNED this 27th day of January, 2023.



ALAN D ALBRIGHT
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE